



# Dr. G.J. MacGillivray P.S. Newsletter September 2018



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## “Caring, Nurturing, Preparing, Sharing”

### Principal’s Message....

Welcome! Bienvenue!

Welcome to Dr. G.J. MacGillivray. We are so looking forward to the year of learning ahead.

As I get to know the school I am impressed by many things. Three top blessings:

1. The energy of the students: their laughter and joy and curiosity.
2. The dedication of the staff: their generosity, attention to detail, and kindness.
3. The size of the school: the sense of community spirit is as large as our student population.

All members of the Dr. G.J. MacGillivray Community are welcome to book an appointment with me or our Vice Principals anytime to share things they love about the school and things they want to see improved. During the month of September our survey [“What Do You Wish for Dr. G.J. MacGillivray?”](#) will be open. We invite all families to participate.

Communication is important to our staff. We believe if we authentically engage parents in supporting the learning and life of the school at home, student achievement and well-being will improve. Throughout the year we will communicate with you about whole school news via monthly newsletters, Edsby, [our website](#), and/or Twitter ([@dr\\_macgillivray](#)).

We welcome a number of new staff this year so we hope you will be able to join us for the Open House on September 19 at 6:00 pm to meet us all in person.

Jessica Outram  
Principal

## Important Dates to Remember....

## September



- 4- Welcome back to school!
- 5 - Kindergarten Orientation
- 6- Kindergarten Orientation
- 7- All Kindergarten In Today
- 12- Pizza Orders Due
- 19- Open House
- 24- School Council Meeting 7pm

- 27- Pizza Day
- Terry Fox Run
- 28- PA Day

# Dr. GJ MacGillivray

## Open House

September 19, 2018

From 6:00pm

- Visit with your child's teacher and see their learning environment
- Meet the new Administrative Team: Jessica Outram, Principal; Tammy Best and Christy Thompson, Vice-Principals.



### Cash Online

A reminder that Cash Online is available at:

<https://kprdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

Please use this link to pay for school activities and events including pizza lunch, school trips, agendas, etc.

If you haven't already, please follow the link to create an account for your child.



### Bus Safety!

Please take a moment to review these Bus Safety tips with your children...

- No eating or drinking on the bus
- No standing once the bus is moving
- Please use only indoor voices
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself



If students take the bus, staff will direct them to their bus at the end of the day, if they are not taking the bus, please provide us with a written note as soon as possible. If there are any bus behaviour issues, please contact Christy Thompson, our Vice Principal.

### Visitor Sign In



If you visit the school at anytime during the day you MUST begin your visit at the office. You will be required to sign in and take a visitors pass. This helps us to ensure the safety of our staff and students at all times.

Thank you!

### Toys/Personal Belongings

Please be aware that we are not responsible for lost or stolen personal toys and belongings. If you choose to send personal items we encourage you to label them.

### AM Supervision

A reminder to parents: supervision does not begin on the school yard until 9:00 a.m. each morning.

In addition, if you have a leashed pet, we ask that you make arrangements to **meet your child off school property.**

### Newsletters

The school newsletter and calendar will be posted on our school website <http://macgillivray.kprdsb.ca> and EDSBY each month. If you have provided us with an email address we will also send a copy right to your inbox! Please look for it each month for the latest news!



## Safe Arrival Program

At Dr. G.J. MacGillivray Public School, the safety of our students is first and foremost. If your child is going to be **ABSENT** or **LATE** we ask that you call 1-844-434-8119 or go to [www.studentabsence.kprdsb.ca](http://www.studentabsence.kprdsb.ca).

We can accept absences and lates this way each school day up until 9:15 am. With this new system, you can even call the night before if you know your child will be away.

## EDSBY



Our office is continuing to use EDSBY as a communication tool with parents. You

can find notes from teachers, school calendars and the newsletter there. Please make sure you provide your email address on the verification forms that will be sent home soon for access. If you are not able to log on, you will receive an invitation from our office shortly.

## Dress Code & Footwear

September has brought warm weather so we'd like to remind you that the dress code is still in effect---reasonable length shorts and thick straps to cover shoulders.

It is also very important to remember two pairs of appropriate shoes for indoor and outdoor use. If a student does not have appropriate footwear, they will not be able to participate in phys. ed. classes.



## Cell Phone Use



Please be aware that students are not permitted to use cell phones or electronic devices during the school day unless they are using them for instructional purposes and under the direct supervision of a teacher. Once they arrive at school, they are asked to power them down and put them in a safe place. We are not responsible for lost or stolen electronic devices.

If a student needs to reach their parents, they need to come to the office and the office will call the parents. It is your responsibility to inform the school immediately should your contact information change. Lack of information may prove critical should an emergency occur.

## Access to School Gate Through Cale Avenue

The safety of our children is always our priority. In order to decongest the traffic along our kiss and ride area at drop off and pick up times, we have installed a gate through our fence off of Cale Ave. This alternative will be available to all students grades 1 to 6 being dropped off or walking to and from school.

Please note that if you choose to have your children enter and leave school through this gate:

- There is direct supervision at this gate from **9:00-9:15 AM only**
- There are no staff to help get your children in and out of your vehicle
- There is no one at the gate to escort kindergarten students to their classrooms. **This option is available to grades 1-6 only.**

Please note that we continue to have supervision on the field for grade 1 to 6 students. In order to keep all of our children safe, we maintain our protocol that parents drop off and pick up their children at the gate. The yard is not accessible to parents.

## Safe Welcome Program

KPR is part of the Safe Welcome program that is found within schools boards all across Ontario. All of our elementary schools have front door security systems and locked doors.

The security systems include a camera and intercom, connected with the school office. Parents and visitors will be "buzzed in" by office staff, who will release the door lock from inside. Other outside doors to the school will remain locked, as they have been.

We understand that this approach may cause some inconvenience; however, the safety of our students is our highest priority. The locked security systems will help to ensure the school office is aware of all visitors.



# Crossing Guard Times 2018-2019

<i>Meadowglade Rd at Robert Adams Dr</i>
<i>Before School</i> 8:45 – 9:15 a.m.
<i>First Nutrition Break</i> 11:15 – 11:25 a.m. 11:45 – 11:55 a.m.
<i>Dismissal</i> 3:30 – 3:50 p.m.

<i>Prestonvale Rd at Meadowglade Rd</i>
<i>Before School</i> 8:45 – 9:15 a.m.
<i>First Nutrition Break</i> 11:15 – 11:25 a.m. 11:45 – 11:55 a.m.
<i>Dismissal</i> 3:35 – 3:55 p.m.

<i>Meadowglade Rd at Bloor St</i>
<i>Before School</i> 8:40 – 9:15 a.m.
<i>First Nutrition Break</i> 11:15 – 11:25 a.m. 11:45 – 11:55 a.m.
<i>Dismissal</i> 3:35 – 4:00 p.m.

## Bike Lock Up

Students are more than welcome to bring their bikes and scooters to school. There are bike/scooter racks (located at the back of the school and the middle doors) available and we highly encourage that your child(ren) bring locks to lock these items up. The school is not responsible for any lost or stolen property.

## Verification Sheets

Coming home soon with your child is an important verification sheet, please complete and return as soon as possible. The information on this sheet is used to update your child's emergency information. Please complete and return it to your child's home-room teacher as soon as possible.

## Scent Sensitive

In the interest and well-being of students and staff at Dr. G. J. MacGillivray, we are a scent sensitive school. Posters will be displayed at the main entrance, office and washrooms to inform visitors of this initiative.

## Picture Day

Picture day will be on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> for grades JK-2, and on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> for grades 3-6. Retake day is Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.



## Medical & Allergies



It is important that our Medical and Allergy information for your children are up to date. The school board has recently created a new medical information form that will go home with all children who have medical issues very soon. If your child has developed new allergies or health concerns over the summer, please notify us immediately so we can ensure the paperwork goes home with

them as well. Once you receive these forms, please complete and submit them to the office as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Christy Thompson, Vice Principal. Thank you!

## Allergy Aware

We have several students with life-threatening allergies. Please help us to keep our students safe by avoiding peanut products in lunches and snacks.



## Safe & Caring Schools

At Dr G.J. MacGillivray we strive to provide a safe, inclusive learning environment. We are using the Zones of Regulation to help students understand their feelings in order to make solve problems in a positive manner. We will continue to use Kelso's Choices as well as strategies to use when self-regulating. In an event that an incident does occur, we use a Restorative Process in order for our students to understand how they may have solved a problem differently. When working through incidents we do follow the Progressive-Discipline framework. Parents will be notified when there is a significant issue and we will work together to move forward.

Please encourage your children to try to solve problems in a safe, responsible manner. They are also encouraged to talk to a staff member when they feel they need support to make positive choices.



## Snacks & Lunch

Last school year, we had a large number of students coming to the office during nutrition breaks indicating they are still hungry as there was not enough snacks or lunch packed for them. Please ensure your child(ren) have enough snacks/lunch for the whole day.

## Lunch Lady

Our school will be participating in the lunch lady program again this year, which offers your child(ren) healthy lunches made simple. Watch for the paper order forms coming home.



## A Message from your **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

September is here and that means your School Council is ready to get started! If you are new to the school or curious about council, we encourage you to come to a meeting to see what we're all about! All parents and community members are welcome to attend. There is no obligation to join council if you attend a meeting, but we encourage new members and new ideas.

**Our first council meeting is Monday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Library.**

Our first meeting of the year will consist of wrapping up old business with last year's council and electing our council for the current year.

### What are some of the functions of your School Council?

- place the interests of all students first;
- promote positive attitudes towards the school, the Board and public education;
- provide advice to the Principal;
- represent the interests of the entire school community;
- work with parents and other partners in education to share responsibility for student success;
- encourage a broad spectrum of parent and community involvement in the school and educational system

In our fundraising, we work hard to support all grades and interests for the benefit of all students. In past years, some of the funds raised have gone to subsidize class trips, funded music and art enrichment, maintained playground structures, and provided Scientists in the School for each classroom.

We are continuing with a couple of fundraisers that will run all year. 10% of every purchase contributes to our fundraising goals:

- Mabel's Labels will help your child keep track of their belongings. Go to [www.mabelslabels.com](http://www.mabelslabels.com) Click on "Support A Fundraiser" and select Dr. GJ MacGillivray.
- M&M Meats; there is still some great BBQ weather! Come to the store at Townline & King and at checkout tell them you're supporting Dr. GJ MacGillivray.

## **Volunteer Reminder**

If you wish to participate as a classroom volunteer, for class trip supervision or read with children, you ***MUST*** have a current police check (***only valid for one year***) with vulnerable sector screening. Please come to the office for a signed letter that is required by the police department. Please start the process as soon as possible so you are ready to volunteer. If you are visiting or volunteering in the school, we thank you in advance for ensuring that you sign in at the office and pick up a visitor's badge to wear.



## **Boomerang Lunch**

We encourage all MacGillivray students to reduce the amount of litter in their lunches and to take all lunch waste home with them. Our goal with the boomerang lunch program is to encourage a reduction of waste producing lunch items and have items recycled and composted properly. Here are some tips to help get started:

- use recyclable containers whenever possible
- use a reusable water (bottled water is one of the worst products for the environment)
- help students know what they can place in a recycling bin from their lunch (e.g. juice boxes, plastic bottles, yogurt and pudding containers).

**Follow us on  
Twitter!**

**We hope to keep you updated with the latest events and happenings around the school.**

**Follow us at  
[@dr\\_macgillivray](https://twitter.com/dr_macgillivray)**

## FREE PARENT CONFERENCE

Mental Health, Math & Modern Learning is the theme for this year's Parent Conference, taking place Saturday, **October 20 at Bowmanville High School**. New this year are workshops that parents and guardians will be able to attend together with their children or teens. Keynote speaker Dr. Greg Wells will start the morning conference with a presentation titled The Ripple Effect: Sleep, Think, Eat and Move Better. As always, the conference also will offer a choice of practical workshops, child minding, refreshments and take-home resources – all at no charge. Stay tuned for more information and registration details later in September at [www.kprschools.ca](http://www.kprschools.ca)



### Terry Fox Walk

On Thursday, September 27th, the students of Dr. GJ MacGillivray will be joining students across Canada in support of the National Terry Fox Run/Walk event.

Over the next few weeks, students will be learning about Terry Fox; a Canadian hero whose goal was to cross Canada by running the equivalent of a marathon (42km) every day. His dream was to raise one dollar per Canadian citizen to put towards cancer research. As in past years, we are encouraging each student to bring in a Toonie in support of our "Toonie for Terry" campaign, but will not turn down larger donations. We will be collecting all donations between Monday, September 24 and Thursday September 27. Our goal this year is to reach \$2000. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Yard Safety

Please remind your children that they should be walking anything with wheels (bikes, trikes, scooters, skateboards) on the property - even if it is after hours. Please remind your children to play safely on the playground equipment, even after school hours. We have had a few injuries after school hours where students were not following the basic rules. A few things to review:

- slide down the slide – no running up;
- no playing tag on the equipment;
- no sitting on top of bars;
- stones stay on the ground; and
- remind everyone to take turns



## Kiss & Ride

We wish to thank our amazing support team who run a very effective Kiss and Ride program. Just a few reminders to ensure a smooth transition to school.

- ◆ **Stay in a single lane.**
- ◆ **Open the passenger side door.**
- ◆ **Parents stay in their vehicle.**
- ◆ **Avoid putting backpacks in the trunk. Keep them with the students.**



Kindergarten students who are in the Kiss and Ride will be met by a student wearing a purple shirt and brought to their classroom.

## Student Agendas



Student agendas are available through your child's teacher for \$5 each. The school agenda will help your child be organized and ready for class and as well, is a fantastic communication tool to send notes to your child's teacher. Agendas can be paid for online at <https://kprdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

## Health and Physical Education Curriculum

We wanted to provide an update on the Health and Physical Education Curriculum for the coming school year.

As you know, the government has announced a broad public consultation on this issue.

While this consultation is underway, the Ministry of Education has re-issued the 2010 Health and Physical Education Curriculum for elementary students. Secondary students will continue to receive the curriculum broadly revised and introduced in 2015.

We know that our teachers and school support staff are well-trained professionals who will continue to be committed to supporting the well-being and healthy development of students.

We are also obligated by legislation to follow the provincially approved curriculum. Our teachers are highly professional, and will teach the curriculum in a developmental and age appropriate manner as they have always done.

As with any question you may have about anything related to your child's learning, the bestplace to start is with their classroom teacher. These conversations can strengthen positive relationships between parents and teachers, and resolve concerns at the level closest to the issue.

# September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Labour Day	4 Day 1 	5 Day 2 Jr. Kindergarten visits	6 Day 3 Jr. Kindergarten visits	7 Day 4 Jr. Kindergarten attend full day 	8
9	10 Day 5	11 Day 1	12 Day 2 Pizza Orders Due	13 Day 3	14 Day 4	15
16	17 Day 5	18 Day 1	19 Day 2 Open House @ 6pm 	20 Day 3	21 Day 4	22
23	24 Day 5  Mtg @ 7pm	25 Day 1	26 Day 2	27 Day 3 Pizza Day  Terry Fox Walk 	28 PA Day/ No School	29
30			<b>Important dates for October:</b> 8-Thanksgiving Holiday 11-12- Picture day			